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| For: Information Processing Apparatus HAVING REPLY PRIORITY AND METHOD THEREOF | 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 29, 2004 Antonietta Musto | | |

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RESPONSE TO AUGUST 26, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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